

Trinity's Weekly Connection

Today at Trinity: Sunday, September 15, 2019

Annual Prayer Tree Kick Off

Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Holden Village Trip Info Meetings, 9, 10:15, and 11:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)

LWR Quilting, noon

Alleluia Bells, 12:15 p.m.

Confirmation Class, 3 p.m.

High School Youth Group, 6:30 p.m.

Worship Notes

Welcome! We're pleased you joined us in worship today.

First-time visitors, long-time members – all are welcome!

Are You Visiting Today? Help us welcome you by introducing yourself to one of our pastors. Please also consider filling out a Trinity "Let's Connect" card that you can place in the offering plate or hand to an usher or pastor.

Communion: All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion at Trinity Lutheran Church. Cups on the inner ring of the trays are filled with white grape juice; cups on the outer rings are filled with red wine. Gluten-free wafers are available in the narthex, and at the Welcome Center in The Courtyard. Those who wish to receive by the common cup are invited to receive the sacrament from the assisting minister offering the chalice on the right side of the congregation's seating.

Nametags Help Us Connect: Please fill out a nametag today. It is good to be together in worship!

Worship Flowers: Today's traditional worship flowers are given by Julie, Leah, and Lauren Williams in loving memory of husband and father, Stewart Williams.

Eternal Light: The Eternal Light reminds us of God's presence among us. The Eternal Light for today was given by Don & Cheryl Bushman in loving memory of Don Bushman.

Members in Our Prayers

We pray for Trinity members Deb Bambini, Kelli Basher, George and Julia Bauer, Fran Bolthuis, Amy Bonjour, Kristin Bradley, Dixie Brinks, Kate Christenson, Elisabeth Crist, Jack Danielson, Samantha DeBoer, Beth Engstrom, Carol Eriksen, Mike Franz, Mary Frick, Phyllis Gehl, Mark Hahn, Joan Hansen, Bob Heine, Jean Hollebeck, Callan Hughes, Hulda Johnson, Joni Korb, Susan Kwast, Larson family, Marilyn Leese, Joan Lohr, Bob & Cathy Luders, Carolyn McCready, Marilyn Mellema, Jim Miller and Family, Roger Perham, Randy Preston, John Racek, Jacqueline Riegling, Frank Rothfuss, Thiago Saliba, Chas Schaner, Chris Schomberg, Schuen Family, Ilene Seadal, Karen Selle, Jim Searfoss, Michael Smith, Joyce Snyder, Lauren Sytsma, Shirley Tedford, Jeremiah (JD) Thamban, Ronnie VanderVen, Rollie Varner, Allison Vigna, John Walls, Peyton Wollen, Kathy Young, Susan Youngren and Kathryn Zielinski.

We also lift up in prayer this morning the pastor and people of Grace Lutheran Church in Hastings, partners with us in mission and ministry in the North/West Lower Michigan Synod, ELCA.

Lessons for Next Sunday, September 22

Amos 8:4-7
1 Timothy 2:1-7

Psalms 113
Luke 16:1-13

This Week's Calendar Highlights

Monday, September 16

Fitness Class (Walking), 9 a.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Outreach Committee Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Finance Committee Meeting, 6 p.m.

Band Rehearsal, 6:30 p.m.

Schubert Male Chorus Rehearsal, 7 p.m.

Tuesday, September 17

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 11 a.m.

Health Ministries Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, September 18

Fitness Class (Tai Chi with Strength & Balance), 9 a.m.

"Paris to Pittsburgh" film showing, 10:30 a.m.

Communications Committee, 5:30 p.m.

Children's Ministry Committee Meeting, 7 p.m.

Thursday, September 19

Fitness Class (Walking), 11 a.m.

Ladies Bridge, 1 p.m.

Art Class, 5 p.m.

Dégagé (Coates Team), 5:45 p.m.

Earth Keepers Meeting, 6 p.m.

Resound Bell Choir, 6 p.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 6:30 p.m.

Ahava, 7 p.m.

Trinity Choir, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, September 20

Women's Bible Study, 9:30 a.m.

Dégagé (Lundgren Team), 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, September 21

Fitness Class (Tai Chi with Strength & Balance), 8:30 a.m.

Fitness Class (Yoga), 9:45 a.m.

Sunday, September 22

Traditional Worship Services, 8 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Rejoice Worship Service, 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.

Lectio Divina, noon (in The Upper Room)

Alleluia Bells, 12:15 p.m.

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Holden Information Meetings—TODAY



A 20-minute informational meeting will follow all three Sunday morning worship services on this morning regarding a summer of 2020 trip to Holden Village in the Cascade Mountains of Washington. Plan to stay for a few minutes after worship to learn more about the proposed Trinity Travelers trip to Holden, a Lutheran retreat community in the heart of the mountains. Learn more at www.holdenvillage.org.

“Paris to Pittsburgh” film showings at Trinity this Week

Trinity’s Earth Keepers invite you to view this special film about some of the effects of climate change and the inspiring ways Americans are responding. This National Geographic film features countless people already choosing sustainable energy options in the face of challenges posed by climate change. The film will be shown on Wednesday, September 18 at 10:30 a.m. and on Sunday, September 22 at 6:30 p.m. with brief discussions to follow facilitated by representatives from Michigan Interfaith Power and Light.

Our Church Pictorial Directory is not the same without u!



To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on “**scheduling**” on the right side, enter **mi1178** in the Church Code field, and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family’s appointment time. If you have six or more in your family, please use two consecutive time slots. The online scheduling option is available Monday noon through midnight on Friday. If you have questions, speak to Angela Davis.

JOYful Days begin Wednesday, September 25



Our speaker for JOYful Days on Wednesday, September 25 will be Ellen Bacca, meteorologist from WOOD TV8. RSVP by noon on Monday, September 23 for lunch and the speaker by contacting Sylvia Stouten at 616.949.2510 x121. Chicken Parmesan will be served for lunch and the cost is \$8 per person payable on Wednesday, September 25.

“Life Begins at 60” Dinner at GANDERS Restaurant

The “over 60” crowd will be dining together on Friday, September 27, at 6 p.m. at GANDERS restaurant, inside the Double Tree by Hilton, located at the northwest corner of 28th and Patterson. **Due to restaurant accommodations, reservations will be limited to the first 30 people.** To make your reservation, contact hosts Bob and Louise Pfau at 616.954.7062 or Pastor Karen.

NAMI's “Family to Family” program at Trinity

The Fall session of NAMI’s “Family to Family” program begins September 30 at 6 p.m. here at Trinity. “Family to Family” is a free, educational program for family, significant others and friends of people with mental health conditions. Classes will be held weekly on Mondays for ten to twelve weeks (schedule details will be discussed during class session) Classes are scheduled for 2 1/2 hours, with a break midway for snacks and beverages. This program is open to the public and fills quickly. To register, contact Lisa Bergman at ltgrwellbeing@gmail.com or go to <https://namikent.org/education-and-support>.

Fall Fitness Programs have begun at Trinity!

Trinity Member Kristina Kuhlmann is offering her time and talents to establish a new fitness program here at Trinity called “Body & Spirit.” Weekday classes have started and Saturday classes start on September 21. See page 16 of the September Messenger for full details and schedule. Please contact Kristina at 616.719.6961, or Kristin Bradley at 616.949.2510 x119, with any questions.

Trinity’s Coat and Blanket Drive is underway

Got Coats?



We are collecting clean, gently used and new coats and blankets this fall to help people served by local agencies stay warm this winter. Your contributions of warm hats, mittens, gloves and scarves are also most welcome. You can place your items in the labeled bins located by the Welcome Center in The Courtyard and in the narthex. Thank you!

Worship Participants

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Robert Linstrom, Senior Pastor
Rev. Dan Schewe, Associate Pastor
Rev. Karen Niemeyer, Assisting Pastor

Music Staff

Larry Biser, Director of Music & Organist
Sid Hoeksema, Director of Trinity Choir
Kim Owens, Rejoice Music Coordinator

Traditional Services

Cantor:

10:45 a.m.:

Bread Baker: Elaine Furmaga

Sacristans

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: John & Elizabeth Derbin

Communion Assistants

8 a.m.: Fred & Kathy Wilcox

10:45 a.m.: Jamie Norris, Mitchell Noland

Lectors

8 a.m.: Dale Barkema

10:45 a.m.: Mark Mattison

Greeters

8 a.m.: Dave & Sue Wait

10:45 a.m.: Steve Cairns, Joanna Czaban

Ushers

8 a.m.: Jim & Sue Coates

10:45 a.m.: Dan Pollert, Paul Getzin, Steve Cairns

Rejoice Service at 9:15 a.m.

Band: Beyond Belief

Sound Board Operator: Brooks Alder

ProPresenter Operator: Laura Fawcett

Bread Baker: Elaine Furmaga

Sacristans

Lisa & Matt Mead, Jan Siminski

Communion Assistants

Cindy Zientarski, Carrie Wygmans

Lector

Dave Straw

Greeters

Todd & Bonnie Brandstadt

Ushers

Dave & Carrie Boer

Live Auction October 12

Mark your calendars! Trinity is hosting our first ever Silent and Live Auction to benefit Family Promise and Trinity’s Youth Missions. See all the details on page 13 of our September Messenger. Contact Tess Lundgren at tesslundgren@gmail.com with donations or questions.

For the Record:

Thank you for supporting Trinity’s ministry. The total offering for Sunday, September 8, was \$20,641. Sunday worship attendance was 397.

YTD through 09/08/2019 Budgeted	\$ 673,171
YTD through 09/08/2019 Actual	\$ 653,972
YTD Variance	\$ (19,199)
YTD % Variance	-2.9%